[30th October 1958

Appendix VII.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 708 asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 30th October 1958, page 123 supra.]

(1) Two hundred and eighty-four nylon nets have hitherto been distributed by the Fisheries Department to firshermen as detailed below out of the 330 nets imported by the Department from abroad:—

Madras	50
Chingleput	18
South Arcot	19
Tanjore	27
Ramanathapuram	14
Tirunelveli	67
Kanyakumari	89
Total	284

(2) These nets are supplied by the Department to fishermen for their bona fide use in the following order of preference :—

(i) Marine Fishermen Co-operative Societies and individuals or groups of fishermen to whom mechanised boats are supplied;

(ii) Fishermen Co-operative Societies to whom mechanised boats are not supplied, but who require the nets;

(iii) Individual marine firshermen or group of firshermen to whom mechanised boats could not be supplied;

(iv) Inland fishermen.

(3) The three hundred nets referred to in the answer to clause (1) were obtained from Messrs. Frank and Bryce, Limited, Glassgow through their local agencies Messrs. Gillanders Arbuthnot and Company, Limited, Madras. The expenditure incurred on this account was about Rs. 1,20,500 roundly.

(4) & (5) The Government are informed that establishing a factory for producing nylon nets will not be commensurate with the demand, as the capital outlay on the machinery, etc., required will be very great. So far as is known no steps are being taken to set up a factory in India.